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U.S. House Passes McDonald Amendment Again

By Christine Guilfoy

WASHINGTON, DC — The anti-gay McDonald amendment has been overwhelmingly passed for the second straight legislative session by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The amendment is part of a bill which authorizes funding for the Legal Services Corporation, and it promises to severely restrict access by low income gays and lesbians to free legal aid. It was passed by a 281 to 124 margin.

Attention now is focussed on the U.S. Senate, where the Legal Services bill is still in committee. Like the House, the Senate is expected to cut back funding for Legal Services. President Ronald Reagan, who is unwilling to authorize any funding for the agency, has threatened to veto the authorization bill. Such a veto, if not overridden, could force Legal Services to be funded through the Block Grant Program.

The McDonald amendment, named for its author, Larry McDonald (D-GA), provides that federal funds made available to Legal Services cannot be used to provide legal assistance to "promote, defend or protect homosexuality." Additionally, regulations preventing Legal Services from discriminating in its own hiring practices were amended to exclude the category "sexual preference."

The Legal Services Corporation, established in 1974, is an independent agency which is federally funded. It provides legal aid to low income individuals in civil matters. Criminal cases are not handled by the agency.

The amendment would effectively prevent any otherwise eligible lesbian or gay man from enlisting the aid of Legal Services in cases where sexual preference could be an issue. Frank Berzinski of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute told *GCN*, "My interpretation of the McDonald amendment is that any case where homosexuality is a question will not be able to be litigated by Legal Services. It will definitely limit our participation."

An aide to McDonald gave *GCN* this interpretation: "If an individual is gay and he needs legal aid for traffic violations or whatever, if he doesn't bring in his homosexuality as a basis for defense then he can certainly receive the legal aid."

William Binzel, also of McDonald's office, told *GCN*, "If a person going to Legal Services does not bring up homosexuality, then Legal Services would not be prohibited from rendering services."

However, in cases where sexual preference is in any way an issue, and regardless of who raises it, the case cannot be handled by Legal Services if the McDonald amendment becomes law. When asked by *GCN* how this will affect the civil rights of lesbians and gays, Binzel said, "Federal funds will not be expended to promote a gay lifestyle. By expending federal funds to defend a homosexual lifestyle, what you are doing in essence is promoting homosexuality with the use of taxpayer's funds. This is what the amendment is putting a stop to."

An attempt was made to modify the McDonald language before the bill ever reached the House floor. Rick Goldstein, an aide to Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), told *GCN* that the following language was proposed as a compromise: "The Corporation cannot provide funds for any litigation which seeks to adjudicate the legalization of homosexuality." Goldstein explained, "Since homosexuality is not illegal, the language did not mean an awful lot. It was an attempt to forestall the McDonald amendment but he [McDonald] saw through that, unfortunately, and the strategy did not work."

Asked by *GCN* what effect the McDonald amendment could have on the Legal Services caseload, Berzinski said, "I suspect that the number of cases affected will be very small because we have had restrictions in the past. Previously, we could not litigate any case which was based solely on the issue

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'Family Protection' Act Introduced in House, Senate

By Christine Guilfoy

WASHINGTON, DC — The Family Protection Act of 1981, a wide ranging piece of legislation promoting right wing and conservative causes, was recently introduced in both the U.S. House and Senate.

The bill has been criticized by moderates and progressives alike, many of whom feel that it is detrimental to the rights of women, labor, racial minorities and gays. There has also been criticism of the special benefits which could accrue to religious organizations.

In a press release, the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) said of the bill, "Not only does its introduction tend to legitimize ideas that are wholly foreign to this country's pluralistic approach, but it is clear the radical right would use the FPA provisions as floor amendments to other bills."

Although the legislation had been introduced in the previous session of Congress, reintroduction had been delayed as the authors of the bill worked to clarify and tighten the wording.

At the present time, the bill is considered unlikely to pass this session. GRNL pointed out that the bill is unlikely to receive significant action in the House, where it faces several hostile committee and subcommittee chairpersons.

Among the groups supporting the drafting of the bill are the Moral Majority, Inc., and the Free Congress Foundation.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Roger Jepsen (R-IA). A co-sponsor of the bill is Sen. Paul Laxalt, a close confidant and former campaign manager to President Reagan. It was introduced in the House of Representatives by Albert Lee Smith (R-AL).

In his remarks on the Senate floor, Jepsen said, "With the accelerated erosion of basic family values due to government intrusion and growing secular humanism — the time for 'Family Protection' legislation has arrived."

A criticism raised by opponents of the bill concerns the restrictive definition of "family" offered by the bill's proponents.

In his remarks on the Senate floor, Jepsen said, " . . . The American Home Economics Association has determined that the family is a 'unit of two or more persons who share values and have a commitment to one another over time.' Unfortunately, such all-encompassing definitions, while at first glance may appear bland and academically accurate, actually extend the meaning of 'family' to include anyone and anything from group marriages to homosexual and lesbian couples who want to 'adopt' children. How did the traditional definition of two or more persons related by blood, heterosexual marriage, or adoption become so 'old fashioned' and unacceptable?"

As introduced, the FPA covers six areas which its authors label Family Preservation, Taxation, Education, Voluntary Prayer, The Rights of Religious Institutions and Educational Affiliates, and

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City Fails To Alter Pride March

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — An eleventh-hour attempt by the City of Boston to change the route of this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride parade on June 20 was thwarted in Suffolk County Superior Court just 18 hours before starting-time, as march organizers hurriedly obtained an injunction prohibiting the city from altering the parade permit.

Judge Paul K. Connolly rejected the arguments of city attorney Kelan M. Derderian that the large crowd would put an unexpected strain on the police department and disrupt business on Beacon Hill. Asked by the judge why the city waited so long to change the permit, which was issued last March, Derderian called the delay "regrettable," but insisted that H. Joseph Powderly, Commissioner of Traffic and Parking, still had the authority to alter the route.

Attorneys for the parade organizers pointed out that Robin MacCormack, former mayoral liaison to the lesbian and gay community, had met with police officials on June 16 to discuss final plans for the march. At that time the city voiced no objections to the march as proposed. It was only after a demonstration, held later that day to protest MacCormack's dismissal (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 48), that city officials decided to alter the parade route.

To a claim by Derderian that the march would unfairly disrupt businesses on Charles Street, Judge Connolly replied that the constitutional right of free expression must take precedence over the interests of business.

Immediately following the ruling against the city, Derderian sought to appeal the verdict. But Judge Charlotte Perretta of the Suffolk County Appeals Court sustained the ruling of the lower court.

John Ward and Cindy Rizzo, acting as attorneys for the Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee on behalf of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), along with John Reinstein of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts and Katherine Triantafillou, a local attorney, maintained that the city had no right to change the terms of the permit at such a late date, and that the proposed alteration was actually a retaliatory measure by city officials embarrassed by the June 16 demonstration.

An affidavit submitted to the court by Jim Anderson, coordinator of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, was cited by Ward as evidence of the city's retaliatory intent. In that document, Anderson stated that Richard Loring, Deputy Commissioner of Traffic and Parking, telephoned him at 11:30 p.m. on June 18 to say that "the Parkman House demonstration was unacceptable and that the curtailment of the parade route was 'just a scratch on the surface' of the City's punitive reaction to the lesbian and gay community's behavior." Anderson later told *GCN* that the call was "a fifteen-minute off-the-record harassment about not liking our lifestyle."

Earlier that evening, a Boston police officer had hand-delivered to Anderson a letter from Commissioner Powderly, stating the city's intention to devise a new route. Anderson was asked to meet with the Commissioner at 9:30 a.m. the following day to discuss alternative routes for the march.

Anderson, along with Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee mem-

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Boston Pride March Breaks the Record

By Larry Goldsmith

BOSTON — An estimated 12,000 lesbians, gay men, and their supporters marched under threat of rain through the streets of downtown Boston on June 20 to celebrate this city's twelfth annual Lesbian and Gay Pride Day and the thirteenth anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

The parade — the largest demonstration by the Boston lesbian and gay community in the city's history — followed the traditional route, after march organizers obtained an injunction prohibiting city officials from making a last-minute change in the parade permit (see accompanying article).

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The marchers gathered in Copley Square around noon and began their trek at the signal of Robin MacCormack, former mayoral liaison to the lesbian and gay community. The parade wound through the Back Bay and Beacon Hill, ending with a mass gathering in Boston Common.

"Hey, hey, whadda ya say, someone in your life is gay," chanted the parade participants as they passed shoppers and onlookers, along with "Two, four, six, eight, how do you know your kids are straight?"

The bells of the Arlington Street Church tolled a greeting as the marchers walked along Boylston Street, and onlookers from balconies and store windows along Charles Street broke into applause.

A contingent of veterans of the Stonewall Riots carried placards reading "The Original Stonewall Gang: We Started It All."

The Stonewall Riots, which lasted from June 27-30, 1969, occurred during a police raid of the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar on Christopher Street in New York City. The patrons of the bar resisted the police, and the riot which ensued is now considered to mark the birth of the modern gay liberation movement.

Participants at the rally heard a wide variety of speakers and entertainment, amid a general atmosphere of celebration. Boston police reported no major problems. "As far as we're concerned," said a police spokesperson, "it was very peaceful."

The weather, too, proved peaceful. The threat of rain materialized only moments after the end of the rally.

Susan Fleischmann

Attorney Katherine Triantafillou (standing): "No one is excluded, including gays and lesbians."

News Notes

quote of the week

"This to me is not a way of life. Not the highest caliber of people are marching. I think few of these people would prove themselves successful in the business world. But I'm just like everyone else. I like to watch a parade."

—An unidentified spectator at Boston's Lesbian and Gay Pride March, quoted in the Boston *Globe* for Sunday, June 21.

aiding and abetting

OGUNQUIT, ME — Homophobic and racist comments made by high-school seniors and quoted in their yearbook have created a furor in this seaside resort town.

The 1981 yearbook for Wells High School, which serves the towns of Wells and Ogunquit, includes personal likes and dislikes in the captions under the photographs of the school's 96 graduating seniors. Eleven of the male seniors say they dislike "gays" and "fags" and one says he dislikes blacks.

In addition to tourists, Ogunquit is known for its artists and for the large number of lesbians and gay men who live in the town or visit it. Friction has developed recently and several gay men have been assaulted and robbed on the town's beaches.

According to the Boston *Globe*, Ogunquit business owner John Revere told Wells principal Carl Stasio at a meeting called to discuss the yearbook, "You've got to take some action to show these kids that responsible adults don't condone slurs like these. If you let this pass, the school will be aiding and abetting those who are beating up and harassing gays."

United Press International reports that 420 copies of the yearbook were distributed before Stasio had reviewed the contents and that Stasio has accepted responsibility for the failure to delete the slurs.

Stasio said he has taken steps to insure that future yearbooks do not make the same mistake but that disciplinary action on this year's edition will be up to the school board.

free speech?

HONOLULU, HI — A fundamentalist organization has begun a petition drive at local churches to have a gay and lesbian radio program taken off the air.

According to the Sexual Identity Center of Honolulu, the Christian Coalition is directing its effort against "Lambda Line," described as the gay community talk show, which has been broadcast weekly by station KIOE since last February.

The program has already been reduced from three hours a week to a one-hour format as a result of the fundamentalist attacks.

"We have no doubt that the topics of 'Lambda Line' are controversial," host William Woods has stated, "but they are no less important concerns for the people in Hawaii."

The program has featured talks by ministers, lawyers, community activists and others on a variety of topics of interest to the lesbian and gay community, as well as a listener call-in-line.

Letters of support for "Lambda Line" should be sent to P.O. Box 3224, Honolulu, HI 96801.

it's time to leave

WATERTOWN, NY — A local Protestant preacher says he is being run out of town by death threats and physical assaults after calling for the death penalty for homosexuals and attacking the Catholic Church.

"I don't want to go, but the town has gotten so mad at me they want to kill me, so it's time to leave," the New York *Post* quotes Rev. Daniel Lovely as saying.

The *Post* says Lovely has used the sign outside his church to quote the book of Leviticus, which says homosexuals "shall surely be put to death," and the book of Revelations, which calls the Roman Catholic Church "a bloody whore."

The preacher did not say whether the death threats had come from Catholics or homosexuals but remarked, "We have our very own Watertown queers. There are quite a few up here."

Lovely has reportedly received 30 death threats and has been attacked several times by men armed with knives and clubs.

a shorter sentence

NORTHAMPTON, MA — Following recently issued guidelines, Massachusetts Superior Court Judge Moriarty on June 24 reduced the sentence of Kenneth A. Appleby, who was convicted in February 1980 of taking a male hustler from Manhattan and, along with Appleby's lover, returning with him to Massachusetts and having sex with him at Appleby's West Springfield home.

Appleby was originally sentenced to 18 to 25 years.

New court sentencing guidelines have been developed since that time. Under the new guidelines, the recommended sentence for such a conviction ranges from three and a half years to 11 years.

Judge Moriarty reduced Appleby's sentence to 10 to 12 years. Appleby is currently incarcerated at the House of Corrections in Northampton.

Appleby was represented by Newton, MA attorney Lois Lewis and the Commonwealth was represented by Hampden Assistant District Attorney Diane Dillon, who argued against any reduction of Appleby's sentence. Pending the outcome of a psychiatric evaluation by Dr. Richard Moore, who was appointed by the court, Appleby could be eligible for furlough immediately.

Appleby was previously sentenced to eight to ten years for assault and battery in November 1978 for hitting his lover once with a riding crop. Attempts to reduce this sentence have so far failed.

James Carey Junkin, similarly accused in the kidnap-rape, has never been brought to trial. Junkin is currently living in Chicago.

Appleby is suing District Attorney Matty Ryan for one million dollars. Appleby is also seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent Ryan from transferring him to Walpole Prison.

State Senator Alan Sisitsky has recently called for investigations into the operations of Ryan's office, alleging prosecutorial abuse.

lesbian thoughts

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge has issued an injunction to prevent the U.S. Navy from discharging a sailor because of lesbian fantasies she revealed to a Navy psychiatrist in the course of treatment.

According to the San Diego *Update*, the sailor, Carolyn Lauritzen, had told the psychiatrist that she had lesbian tendencies as a result of a childhood rape. When the psychiatrist then told Navy officials of Lauritzen's tendencies, the Navy attempted to discharge her on the grounds of homosexuality and a personality disorder.

The Navy has made no charge against Lauritzen of homosexual acts and has been unable to demonstrate in court any personality disorder which would have an adverse effect on her ability to do her job.

The Navy's original attempt to discharge Lauritzen failed when she was promoted before an adverse performance record could be substituted for the "excellent" rating she had already been given.

Lauritzen claims that the Navy regulations allowing her discharge are unconstitutional and that her psychiatrist's reporting her statements to officials was a violation to her right to privacy.

The Navy is now faced with appealing the injunction or waiting for a full trial.

scholarly pursuits

NEW YORK — Scholarly efforts are underway to index material in straight periodicals which refers to lesbians and gay males and to compile an anthology of European homosexual literature written between 400 and 1700.

The *Gay Books Bulletin (GBB)*, a quarterly publication of the Scholarship Committee of the New York chapter of the Gay Academic Union, intends to publish quarterly bibliographies to "provide documentary evidence of the dominant heterosexual attitudes toward homosexuals in straight newspapers, magazines and journals."

For its anthology, *GBB* needs to know about "any reference whatsoever in fiction or non-fiction, prose or verse, to the homosexual experience, whether homophobic or pro-homosexual," in European literature produced between 400 and 1700.

GBB requests that full bibliographical information or copies of articles or books be sent to Edward Paolella, c/o *GBB*, P.O. Box 480, Lenox Hill Station, New York, NY 10021.

Bibliographical information should follow the *MLA Handbook*, with the author's name, the title of the article, poem, book or publication, the publisher, the place and date of publication and the volume and page numbers.

nobody's business

ALBANY, NY — The New York *Daily News* says that as a result of an increasing amount of snooping into other people's reading habits, the state legislature of New York is considering a bill to make public library records confidential.

Librarians report that members of the Moral Majority have attempted to obtain the names of persons checking out sex-related books and, in Oregon, the names of those checking out a sex-education film the group finds objectionable.

Assemblyman Steven Sanders of New York City, who is sponsoring the bill, is quoted as saying, "We believe that this information is nobody's business."

The bill would allow authorities to seize library records with a court order. According to Henry Reichman of the American Library Association, many prosecutors sought the library records of political radicals during the 1970

Seven other states have already passed legislation similar to that being proposed in New York.

writing women

CAZENOVIA, NY — The Women's Writer's Center is accepting applications for the 1981-82 academic year.

Founded in 1975, the Center offers a year-long program in writing for women from diverse backgrounds. A balance between theory and practice provides an atmosphere that both strengthens and challenges the creative intelligence of participants.

In order to promote an understanding of the history and development of women's writing, the Center also offers courses on women's literary history and feminist aesthetics and criticism. The resident faculty are Rachel deVries, Rita Speicker and Mona Vold. This year's visiting faculty are Olga Broumas, Michelle Cliff, Judy Grahn, Susan Griffin, Rhonda Lerman and Barbara Smith.

For more information, write to the Women's Writer's Center, Inc.; Williams Hall, Cazenovia College, Cazenovia, New York 13035.

gay nurse sues

PASSAIC, NJ — A male nurse has filed suit against three hospitals in the Passaic area on the grounds that they fired him because he is gay.

According to the Newark, NJ *Star-Ledger*, John Stackhouse has charged in his lawsuit that he was "subjected to constant criticism and harassment" at all three hospitals after his sexual orientation was discovered and that he was eventually fired.

Stackhouse says he was fired from his job in an intensive care unit in 1978 the day after he appeared on a television program speaking in favor of decriminalizing homosexual acts. He says he was also fired from his next job when it was discovered that he is gay.

A third hospital fired him despite the fact that he freely admitted his homosexuality when he applied for the job in 1979.

Stackhouse has been unemployed since his third job.

A Prison Project is now being formed to support *GCN* in its longstanding effort to get free subscriptions to the paper in to lesbian and gay prisoners and also to get books for them to read and penpals to write to. (Every other week there is a prisoner penpal list on the Classifieds page.)

Volunteer help is always appreciated in this and other parts of the project, including doing outreach to women prisoners and researching and informing prisoners of their mailroom and visiting rights.

If you can help with your time or a contribution, it will be appreciated.

Thank you.

S.F. Pride Group Sues INS

By John Kyper

SAN FRANCISCO — Having proclaimed June 28 as International Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day, the city's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee (L/GFDC) has gone to court in an attempt to prevent the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) from barring foreign gays seeking to attend the annual march and rally.

Meanwhile, British gay rock star Tom Robinson, a featured performer on June 28, flew into San Francisco without incident and was greeted by an enthusiastic demonstration of 150 people at San Francisco International Airport.

Unlike previous legal actions that have argued the right of gay aliens to enter the country, this suit takes the novel strategy of arguing that these policies abridge the First Amendment rights of gay American citizens "who want and need to know the experiences of gay and lesbian persons of other nations."

On Monday, June 22, the L/GFDC filed a class-action suit in U.S. District Court of Northern California against the INS and against Attorney General William French Smith seeking to enjoin them "from enforcing their policies of exclusion, detention, questioning and otherwise specially processing known and suspected gay and lesbian non-citizen visitors to the United States."

After listening to arguments from both sides, Judge Robert Aguilar ruled Thursday, June 25, that "significant constitutional questions" were involved in the L/GFDC suit and granted a preliminary injunction against the INS, preventing INS agents from enforcing anti-gay policy. Aguilar denied a request by the U.S. attorney for a stay of the injunction.

"We won it on the strongest constitutional grounds possible," stated L/GFDC attorney Mary Dunlap at a press conference following the decision. L/GFDC co-chair Greg Day vowed continuing vigilance of the INS, noting a particular pattern of harassment of Third World gays entering the country.

The injunction is applicable only in the Northern District of California and remains in effect until the issue is finally resolved. It is expected that the INS will appeal.

Dunlap submitted as evidence the cases of Carl Hill and Philip Fotheringham, British and Canadian citizens attempting with varying success to visit the United States. INS officers detained and interrogated Hill in June 1979 as he and his lover entered the United States to attend the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day activities (see *GCN*, Vol. 6, No. 49). The following year he was detained again and his case has become a challenge to the immigration law now pending in INS court.

More recently, Fotheringham, a Canadian flying from England to Washington, DC, was deported by immigration officials at JFK International Airport in New York and forced to board a plane back to London (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 46). His deportation became the focus of worldwide gay demonstrations on May 29.

In addition, there have been rumors of other gays, particularly Mexicans, being denied admission to the United States. In one especially bizarre incident reported to the aide of a local congressman, a gay United States citizen of Mexican ancestry returning to the United States was accused of being Mexican because he was not carrying his passport and was interrogated at length before he was finally admitted to the country.

A Mexican gay activist is scheduled to address the June 28 rally.

One L/GFDC officer estimates that over 1,000 people are planning to attend Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day from other countries, including Bali, Greece, Thailand, Norway, and Japan.

Demonstrators began massing for an hour before Tom Robinson's plane arrived late in the afternoon on Wednesday, June 24. Many of them carried signs with messages such as "INS Out of Our Bedrooms" and, taking its words from one of Robinson's songs, "Don't Take No for an Answer." Excitement mounted after the plane had landed and passengers leaving the INS station were startled by whistles and chants including "Every Gay to the USA" and "The INS is a Fascist Mess."

Robinson appeared after 30 minutes to a deafening ovation in the enclosed terminal area. He was wearing a t-shirt that read "Let Gays In." In a brief speech, he said he had asked the INS officer whom he had encountered whether excluding gays was official policy and she had replied that it was not.

Rock singer Tom Robinson: "Don't take no for an answer."

N.Y. Pride Plans Avoid Old Disputes

By Philip Shehadi

If the way it was organized is any indication, this year's New York lesbian and gay pride march looks set to come off without a hitch. The bitter conflicts that tore up last year's march have been conspicuously absent from the year-long effort by the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee (CSLDC).

As is the custom, the twelfth annual march will step off from Sheridan Square at noon. Marchers will proceed up Fifth Avenue to a rally at Central Park's Great Lawn around the theme, "A Community, A Movement, A Way of Life."

Only two speakers will address the crowd in an unusually short, one-hour program that is long on entertainment. Folk singer Bryan Houser, the cabaret-style act Pink Debbie, and balladeers Mike and the Headset are scheduled to perform. A six-woman Latin jazz group, the Harp Band, may also appear.

"People voted with their feet last year," March and Rally Committee chair R. Paul Martin told *GCN*, explaining why this year's rally will have only two speakers. "Last year 24 speakers were scheduled; 20 of them spoke. People just got up and left."

The two speakers will be Marc Rubin, co-founder of the Gay Teachers' Association, and Gwendolyn, a member of the People's Anti-War Mobilization, Salsa Soul Sisters and Dykes Against Racism Everywhere.

Securing a permit for the Great Lawn was the march organizers' hardest task. According to Martin, the New York City Parks Department repeatedly threw obstacles in their path, claiming, for example, that the Great Lawn was too large for a gay rally, and that the marchers would interfere with baseball players on the site. "The permit was murder," he said. "I had visions of us not getting it at all."

Other CSLDC functions went smoothly, however. "The banners were donated in two days, the bars came through with donations," said CSLDC co-chair Tony Gambino. "I sensed a changed atmosphere this year — there was more support and cooperation, particularly in the business community."

The 1980 theme of "Unity" did not prevent a host of personal and political cleavages from coming to the fore. Factions traded injuries of intolerance and inefficiency, with sexism, boy-love and other issues fueling the fire (see *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 46 and Vol. 7, No. 49).

"The extreme political disagreements of last year turned off many lesbians from participation in the CSLDC," co-chair Tova Seawall told *GCN*. Women were prominent in the faction that split off from CSLDC last year.

A Dutch activist present at the meeting urged CSLDC to demand at the rally the repeal of U.S. immigration laws that discriminate against foreign lesbians and gay men. A motion to this effect was passed, making it the only CSLDC-sanctioned demand of the march and rally. Other gay rights demands are expected to be made by the individual speakers.

One group present at the meeting, however, made it clear that it felt excluded from that harmony. Two members of Gay Liberation Allows Drag (GLAD) handed out pink leaflets charging they were discriminated against by the gay community. They called for trans-people to assemble separately and try to steal a place at the front of the march on Fifth Avenue.

The march order specifies that Third World lesbians will lead, following the New York Community Marching Band and a float for veterans of the Stonewall riots.

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of sexual preference. The amendment basically limits Legal Services from doing anything around sexual preference in any way that it enters a case."

Over the years of its existence, Legal Services has not only served poor people on a case-by-case basis but has also initiated class action suits and involved itself in legislative lobbying on behalf of the poor. Berzinski told *GCN*, "Legal Services provides an organized voice for poor people on the legislative level. Legal Services has been involved in most of the progressive legislation on housing, welfare and energy."

Among other things, Legal Services has been successful in arguing class-action suits which have ensured the payment of legally mandated welfare benefits and have ensured the right to public education for the children of illegal aliens.

Such activities have come under attack from conservatives. According to the New York *Times*, Reagan administration officials are claiming that Legal Services has brought "politically motivated lawsuits" and has acted as a lobby for "liberal social programs."

With many conservatives hoping eventually to eliminate Legal Services, the vote in the House to continue funding the corporation was considered a victory in spite of the 25 percent cutback in funding. "It was about the best we could do, given the present atmosphere and the controversy surrounding Legal Services," said Berzinski.

Rep. Frank was one of the leaders of the floor fight to provide funding. His aide, Jim Dorsey, told *GCN* that had the conservatives been successful in voting down the funding, the agency would have been funded as part of the Block Grant Program. According to Dorsey, "A block grant would leave it [the level of funding] up to the discretion of the states for three to four years. The program would probably be zero-funded by the end of the last year."

Many of the legislators who voted to fund the Corporation voted against inclusion of the McDonald amendment and many who voted against the funding voted for the amendment. The final vote of 245 to 137 allocated Legal Services $241 million, down from the $321 million of the year before.

The House bill also provided that Legal Services will no longer bring class action suits or engage in legislative lobbying. Said Berzinski, "We're facing restrictions on legislative activity on federal, state, county, on any level. Any kind of legislative advocacy lobbying activity has been cut out. Class action suits have been eliminated entirely. There will be cutbacks in direct services; a lot of Legal Services offices will be closed."

In terms of expenditures, Berzinski estimates that the lobbying and class action suits accounted for only one to two percent of the Legal Services budget. However, because of the effectiveness of these tools, they were considered important components of the program.

Until the Senate passes on its version of the bill, it is difficult to tell what the final outcome will be. Any differences between the two versions will have to be worked out in conference committee.

Commenting on the future of the McDonald amendment, Rick Goldstein, an aide to Barney Frank, told *GCN*, "It's unclear what will happen in the Senate. If Barney is able to get on the conference committee, I'm sure he would try to get the language modified in some respects or eliminated altogether. But what happens in conference committee is also deter-

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Marines Teargas D.C. Bar

By Scott Robinson

WASHINGTON, DC — Two U.S. marines have been arrested in connection with a recent attack on a local gay bar.

On Saturday, June 13 at 1:10 a.m., two men entered the back door of the Equus, a bar in southeastern Washington, and threw a tear gas grenade and a smoke grenade into the crowd.

There was confusion and terror as patrons scrambled to get out of the bar and away from the noxious fumes. A man with only one lung was taken to the hospital and other patrons became nauseated. Some vomited once they were outside.

On June 22, Detectives John Rinkin and Marshall MacArthur of the D.C. police arrested two suspects at the nearby marine barracks. The two were charged with felony destruction of property and were arraigned that afternoon in Superior Court. Other charges may be handed down later by a grand jury.

The two men admitted the act but said they considered it a "prank." They also claimed they never thought the grenades would do as much damage as they did.

Gay leaders are already attempting to prevent the two men's sentences from being reduced significantly by plea bargaining with the U.S. attorney.

The Equus is located three blocks from the marine barracks in Washington and there is a history of confrontation between the two groups. In August of last year, more than 20 marines stormed into the Equus and seriously injured a co-owner of the bar (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 7).

There has also been a number of less severe incidents of harassment and vandalism by marines against gay people and establishments in the vicinity.

The June 13 attack has raised the anger of Washington's gay and lesbian community and a few gay men have talked of meeting marine violence with gay violence. Such violence is unlikely, however, since gay people in Washington have developed what they describe as an excellent working relationship with the police and have enough political clout with elected city officials to insure the adequate handling of such incidents by the city.

At a June 13 press conference called by gay business people, Mayor Marion Barry issued a statement condemning the violence and pledging the full support of the police.

The Washington Gay Activist Alliance is developing an educational program to be used at the marine barracks to try to prevent future attacks and to reduce tension between the marines and gay people in Washington.

Community Voices

business association apologizes

Letter to the Editor of *Gay Community News*,

As President of the Beacon Hill Business Association, I was contacted on Thursday, June 18, 1981, by Commissioner of Traffic and Parking Powderly asking my reaction to the fact that Charles Street would be closed for a Parade for a period of 3½ to 4 hours of Saturday afternoon. I felt that closing the street for that length of time would be detrimental to the businesses; and therefore, the Association would be in favor of a modified route.

As the newly elected President of the Association, I had not been called upon to make decisions without the benefit of a Board of Directors meeting. Due to last minute timing, I felt an executive decision on this matter was needed. I had not contacted any of my Board of Directors or members of the Association to determine their feelings on the matter. I was speaking in my role as President and based my decision purely on the effect closing the street for 3½ to 4 hours would have on business. I was not in any way saying that the Association was against the march or the organization holding it. In fact, I have subsequently found strong support among our Association for the march, and many of the Board of Directors and merchant members had signed the petition that was circulated among merchants on Friday afternoon.

When the commissioner called on Friday and asked me to join him in Court to express this concern, I agreed based on the information provided to me. In retrospect, I should not have made that appearance without a vote of the Board. The actual march took only a half hour and caused absolutely no disruption to business.

As far as next year's march is concerned, the matter has been considered by myself and the Board of Directors at a special session held on Tuesday, June 23, 1981; and we have unanimously given our full endorsement.

Sincerely,
Thomas A. Kershaw, President
Beacon Hill Business Association
Boston, MA

photogenic

Dear Friends,

I am writing in response to a letter which appeared in a recent issue of *GCN* concerning the inclusion of Michael Thompson's photos in the paper. Whatever position one takes on the photo issue, this letter contained some statements which I feel must be answered. The writer states, " . . . one just doesn't photograph old, fat, ugly, or handicapped males or females, black or white, unless it's for medical journals." As a handicapped lesbian, I would like to assure the writer of this letter that I have had my photo taken on a number of occasions — and none of them have been for medical journals. As someone active in gay politics, many of these photos have been taken in connection with my political work or at community events and not for the specific purpose of photographing a "handicapped person." Handicapped people (old people, fat people . . .) do indeed have lovers, friends, family who delight in their company and appearance and who enjoy looking at pictures of them. I hope that the writer of this letter (and the readers of *GCN*) will rethink their attitudes toward disabled people and their sexuality.

Sincerely,
Rosalyn Richter
New York, NY

Proud Gays!

Please help us make our photo spread on Lesbian and Gay Pride, USA, a success. Send us a black and white glossy photo, the number who participated, the theme and year (e.g. first, fifth), and a quote. Must be in by July 14. Send SASE if you want the photo returned.

beauty springs forth

Dear *GCN*:

The discussion of Michael Thompson's nude photographs has been interesting to me. I had several thoughts and considered writing a letter on the subject. Now that letters have come in and half of them are from people I know or have known in the past (hi, Nick!), I'll try to put some thoughts into writing.

This one incident seems a microcosm of every issue gay males are struggling with right now. There are many issues involved; for me the most challenging is that of sexual attraction. My own reaction was that the only photograph I found at all *sexually* attractive was that of Michael himself. As I thought about the reasons for this, I realized that I felt the attraction because I know from the discussion that Michael is gay, while I had no reason to believe that the men in the other two photographs are. Over years of struggling and thinking about this, I have been moving from an objective attraction to certain types, toward sexual attraction that fits more my liking of the whole human being. I am now rarely more than fleetingly attracted to non-gay men, and I do genuinely like gay men, more and more all the time!

My best sexual experiences have been those including delight in and communication with the person I'm with. Bad experiences have been one-nighters with people I didn't particularly care about, attempts to use a person to fulfill a fantasy, or attempts at sex with real friends and lovers when there were other issues in the way. Worse still the inordinate amount of energy one can waste fantasizing about a "type." I know so many gay men (including myself at times) who let themselves in for a great deal of frustration in search of the perfect type: young, beautiful, or the perfectly caring lover, or the most politically committed lover. Hairless, slim. Body-builder. No fats, fems, freaks, or photographers.

My difficulty with discussions of sexuality in *GCN* is that so many people simply accept their sexual tastes as a given, something that falls out of the sky at an early age and remains within, driving and immutable. I reject this determinism.

Our sexual aesthetic has been socially determined by a society that has no interest in our genuine sexual pleasure unless it happens to sell products. The fantasy aesthetic is a mirage — it is not achieveable because it is static, and whatever life is, it ain't static (fortunately!). If we want to, we *can* change the aesthetic, not by force or suppression, but by having what Maida Tilchen refers to as consistent values, as well as goals to strive toward.

A few years ago I might have been attracted only to the young men pictured. Today I'm not. I'm glad; it indicates that this process of self-examination can work. I hope it can work for our community in other areas as well, so that we can all come to appreciate the beauty of elders, physically challenged, etc. It's already begun; recently *Christopher Street* had a collection of photographs of men, lovingly done, beautiful but not "beautyist," many Third Worlders and physically challenged. We should be proud of ourselves; we are slowly getting our sexuality under control, and what a variety of beauty springs forth!

Love,
Bruce MacDonald
Northampton, MA

the bandwagon

To the Gay Community:

While reading through the program booklet of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus after their performance here, I was caught on a small paragraph about a network of gay and lesbian performing groups across the country. After listing the kinds of groups, mostly musical, there were thirteen cities named. Boston was not among them.

Given the abundance of professional and competent amateur musicians in this city, it seems we should be able to put together one or two groups made up of gay musicians, and join the growing bandwagon (so to speak) of gay performing groups. Maybe the bars could sponsor these, as they do softball teams. Just imagine concerts by the Heavenly Voices of Paradise, the Prelude Players, Buddies Band, the Chaps Chamber Trio, the Somewhere Singing Society. Any takers?

Lee Ridgway
Boston, MA

the bells ring gay

Dear *GCN*,

"The bells of the Arlington Street Church were tolled as the parade passed." (Boston *Globe*, June 21, 1981.)

11:30 on the Mass turnpike headed towards Copley Square, this knot in my stomach. Alone and rationalizing why I should be heading anywhere but towards Copley Square. But all my excuses fell lame to the power of that theme, "If not now, when? If not you, who?" I turn (naively) to the AM car radio for some word, some support that there IS something going on there: I fantasize driving into Copley Square greeted by a few radical gays and a cop who asks "Did you really expect a gay PARADE?" The am radio is broadcasting from an animal farm. I start to get NERVOUS.

No need to explain what REALLY happened. Any gay person who was remotely near the parade had to have felt that incredible sense of pride, of release, of joy, of togetherness, but . . .

It was the BELLS that got to me.

The bells, the noise, the cheers shattered that pervasive SILENCE that the straight world uses as its greatest weapon against us. The silence of the AM radio. The silence of the TV. The silence of the Boston *Globe* that gives us two blurred photos and a half page article when 12,000 people get together and SHOUT.

It was the BELLS that got to me . . . The bells that we associate with Christmas, with Easter, with family church services, that have traditionally silenced gays. The bells this time were for us. And the sound was beautiful.

We have to listen to the woman from LAGMA (Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates) who spoke at the rally: the media has worked hard to silence us, to negate us. Yes, as she said, one letter a week to the straight media, one letter from every gay person and the post offices would be overwhelmed.

Gay Community News and the gay radio shows are a connection for us and a means of reaching those of us who are closeted or away from the city. I, for one, want to thank them for letting me know about the march, for helping me slowly out of the silence of the closet.

And for letting me hear the bells and 12,000 gay voices.

Ellen O'Sullivan
Nashua, NH

change of heart

To the Editor,

The article Maida Tilchen did, entitled "Women's Music: Politics for Sale" (*GCN*, June 6, 1981) was very good. It is a large topic to cover in one article but I think she managed to clearly touch many bases. It shows a growth in understanding on her part.

The particular timing of it was, need I say, heartfelt on my part.

Yours,
Betsy York
Los Angeles, CA

cincinnati split

To Whomever It May Concern:

Regarding the invitation to the Crazy Ladies Bookstore to have a display at Gay Pride Day on June 28: we will neither be attending nor supporting any of the Cincinnati gay pride events this year for some very important reasons. We would like to share them with you so that you may gain a better understanding of our perspective.

We are radical lesbian/feminists, which means we support the rights of gays, blacks and children as well as wimmin. We see today's social injustices (including that against gay men and wimmin) as stemming from the patriarchal fear/hatred of females, children, "others." In our eyes, if we end the oppression of wimmin, we will also be ending the oppression of gays, blacks, children, etc. Therefore as radical lesbian/feminists we do indeed support and sympathize with gay rights — even though we argue that gay rights do not go far enough.

This past year we learned that a gay male in Cincinnati had been molesting for 9 months a young boy for whom he was doing child care (see *GCN*, Vol. 8, No. 43). We were thoroughly shocked and disgusted upon hearing of this. But what has been worse is the gay community's lack of response to what happened. Why was it not reported in the *The Yellow Page*? Why weren't statements released condemning this action by GCGC, MCC, Dignity, Integrity, or any other church-related gay groups? And why is GCGC now sponsoring — with no explanation — an event by Lambda Sports, the organization led by the man involved?

The sexual molestation of a child is the epitome of patriarchal fear/hatred of wimmin, children, "others." The betrayal of a mother's trust is womun hatred — plain and simple. It seems the gay community is not going to stand up against such a blatant display of womun hatred. Thus in protest — and in deep anger — we will not support the Cincinnati gay pride events this year.

Carolyn Dellenbach
Janet Fay
Crazy Ladies Bookstore
Cincinnati, OH

name calling

To the Editor:

I was angered but not surprised to see in the June 20 issue that some redneck dykes are calling David Thorstad names. The same names they call anybody who disagrees with them. I am certainly very sick of their tactics.

As a gay man, I am getting increasingly disgusted with the hatred spewing from our so-called lesbian "sisters." I had to disown my straight family to survive. Am I now going to have to disown these sisters?

It always amazes me how quickly gay men adopt the role of Cinderella while lesbians come off like ugly step sisters. Will we ever lead spontaneous, creative lives without falling into the roles straight society would rejoice to see us embrace?

Tim Campbell
Editor, *GLC Voice*
Minneapolis, MN

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Gay Community News will be revising our subscription rate schedule with the issue dated July 4. The rates for short term subs will be going up: a 25 week sub will cost $15.00 and a 12 week sub will cost $8.00. A low income rate of $10.00 for 25 weeks will be available.

A word about low income rates. We want to make the paper available to as many people as possible and still bring in enough money to cover our costs so we can continue to publish. When trying to decide whether you should use the low income rate, consider this: the fulltime staff people at **GCN** make $5200 per year before taxes. If you make a comparable salary, use the low income rate. Please remember — we can only afford to offer a low income rate if the majority of our subs are paid for at the regular rates or higher. We want to continue our "more if you can/less if you can't" policy. We hope you, our readers, will support us in this as you have in so many ways in the past.

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Speaking Out

Gay Liberation in Japan

By the Japan Gay Center

The Japan Gay Center (P.O. Box 662, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-91, Japan) was organized in March 1979 and is actively participating in the gay liberation movement in Japan. Our aim is to achieve the following goals:

1. Eliminate prejudiced and biased attitudes against gays and draw the public's attention to our efforts through various media such as communications, drama, the arts, etc.
2. Equal human rights for gays.
3. The right for gays to live free from feelings of inferiority or abnormality.
4. Coordinate individual and group activities for the realization of the above three goals.

We publish a bi-monthly gay newspaper.

History of Gays in Japan

Mentions of homosexuality can be found in some of Japan's earliest historical documents. In the early 9th century, when women were prohibited from entering Buddhist monasteries, intimate relations flourished among apprentice monks. Through the 17th century, the aristocrats and samurai would engage in homosexuality; in some cases they had tired of hedonistic adventures with women.

The Jesuit priest, Francisco de Xavier, who arrived in Kyushu, Japan in 1549, was appalled by the then prevailing homosexual activities. This had spread to the townsmen in the 17th century, and it was not uncommon for young lads to be kept in male brothels. Gays of this period were mostly bi-sexual men who had wives and sired offspring. While the woman's role was to bear and rear children, and she was confined to the home, the man valued and esteemed most a close relationship with his fellow men.

Although no written records have been found on lesbians, it is believed that there were lesbian relationships among the women in the Shogun's harem, and perhaps among artistocratic women and ladies in waiting.

The strength of Confucian moralism from the 18th century on and the introduction of Western culture in the mid-19th century were two factors which led to the almost total eradication of any overt homosexuality until recent times.

Gays in Present Day Japan

In Japan, sexual intercourse is permitted from the age of 18 according to the law. There are no laws that prohibit homosexuality, nor does Buddhism — the traditional religion of this country — prohibit it. The followers of Christianity are about one percent of the population. Although homosexuality is not illegal, there is a general preconception among the Establishment that gays are abnormal, and some discrimination does occur. The police are indifferent to homosexuals, but recently there was a case of a gay who was wrongly arrested as a suspected arsonist because he was gay.

Until 1970, the gay was compared to "a plant that flowers in the darkness." He could only meet his companions in gay bars, in dark corners of movie theaters, and in parks at night. Yukio Mishima's novel *Forbidden Colors* reveals much about the life of gays in Japan during the '50s.

It is very difficult for a man to remain a confirmed bachelor, as the mores of this society dictate that a man's ultimate well-being is in taking a wife in order to create a close family relationship, and this is considered an essential foundation of a harmonious society. Extreme social pressure ensures that almost all gays succumb to heterosexual marriage. "Coming out" has been virtually impossible in Japan. However, male chauvinism is still firmly rooted in our culture, and a family man is not necessarily restricted from pursuing homosexual companionship.

For a full understanding of Japan, its culture and people, we recommend the reading of Prof. Edwin Reischauer's *The Japanese* (Harvard University Press).

A great change has taken place in the gay scene during the '70s. Gay bars have increased in the metropolitan areas and have even spread to the suburbs and beyond. In 1971 a straight entrepreneur started a monthly gay magazine for nationwide distribution. By the latter half of the '70s, four magazines for gay males were in circulation, but a publication for lesbians has yet to appear.

Until now, there has been no meaningful attempt by Japanese gays to reveal our identity openly. We are stereotyped as female impersonators in the entertainment field and publicized as such by the mass media. A gay still signifies a female impersonator in the public mind, and vice-versa for the lesbian. In the past ten years, gays have gained greater opportunity to meet one another, and the widespread circulation of publications has contributed to the progress of our cause.

The gay liberation movement got underway in 1976. We were greatly influenced by the successful campaigns going on abroad, and realized the urgent need to analyze the "double lives" we had been leading — one in the gay ghetto and the other trying to remain inconspicuous in the closet of mainstream society. This prompted a group of gays — two men and two women — to organized the Japan Gay Center. Other gay liberation groups have appeared, most memberships consisting of activists from the younger generation.

We strongly believe in the human right to exist freely. At present we are but a small power, but we will continue to strengthen our efforts on behalf of all gays in Japan.

"Speaking Out" is the column designed for the benefit of *GCN* readers. It is part of our continuing effort to provide a true forum of opinion for the community. We encourage you to send your thoughts, ideas, feelings and comments to us and we encourage you to respond to any ideas expressed in this space. The opinions expressed in "Speaking Out" do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper, the staff or the advertisers. Write c/o Speaking Out, *GCN*, 22 Bromfield St., Boston, MA 02108

Community Voices

on the edge

Dear Lesbian *GCN*ers and readers,

The problem with the "creep up on 'em and surprise 'em" strategy is that some people (including myself) respond to such an approach with an instant, violent defensive reaction when they catch on to what's happening (witness the backlash against *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, so quietly slipped onto school library shelves in the 70s). And those who don't, being so indirectly wooed, never have a chance to consider the issues outright, giving us just another case of media manipulation. Yeah, sure, we could take over what's being done already and do it with more subtlety and finesse, but I thought the point was to encourage people to think for themselves for a change.

I was horrified, though not surprised, to hear Holly Near advocate this approach in Maida Tilchen's article on the wimmin's music "industry." It was somewhat more startling to read of the Olivia wimmin's refusal to participate in the article, and disappointing. Surely the author was providing an opportunity for them to respond to criticisms and questions shared by many wimmin in the (let's be honest about it) lesbian community — including myself — which made and maintains wimmin's (lesbian) music.

I would have been interested to read more details of the performers' pay scales, for those given were vague and hardly in-depth, in noticeable contrast to the rest of the article. What sort of work goes into the concert for which a performer is paid $250-$1000? Since I have never in my working life made "even" the minimum in the above range in a day, and am usually lucky to earn it in a month, I find myself asking how any woman's time can be worth that much more than mine. If this is payment long overdue for past efforts, so be it, but let's hear about it. Evasiveness only increases the suspicion and resentment of those of us who must work at soul-raping jobs to eke out marginal survival wages.

I'd also like a more specific breakdown of what exactly the concert expenses are (I'm one who's grumbled about that $7 ticket, for though I welcome the opportunity to put my money back into wimmin, that's a big chunk of it for me to gather together all at once). Who pays the performer's air fare? How often are the producers paid? Is it fair for the performer ALWAYS to get her cut where the producer's work may be just as intense and her skills just as painstakingly, lengthily developed? Who takes the losses?

Maxine Feldman's words were the only balm to my dismay. The question seems to come down to "who owns wimmin's music, those who make it, or those who support those who make it?" along with sundry issues of classism and privilege, cooperativeness, etc. It was a relief to hear of at least one woman whose answers apparently resemble mine, and I fervently wish we had a coffeehouse such as Maxine's in our locale. I, for one, would be there constantly.

Though the practical and abstract are inseparable, I think it's my personal reaction to Holly Near's new image, to the infamous Teresa Trull album, to Cris Williamson's disgusting interview in *Mother Jones* earlier this year, that counts the most. I've been listening to wimmin's music for years, but am only recently out as a lesbian. I live in a reactionary rural community where I don't have the option of being open about the important people and things in my life if I want to keep my rented home and whatever demeaning job I'm able to scare up in this economically depressed area. The only medium around I can bear to expose myself to is public radio, which leaves much to be desired in terms of affirming my womon-identification. For me, wimmin's music, and all other lesbian media, to which I have all-too-limited access on account of poverty and geography, are no luxury. They are necessary to my sanity, my survival, my creativity, my individuality, my ability and right to love. Country life is hardly one long picnic as some wimmin seem to think. Far from it! But that's another issue. In any case, for me to continue believing that it's not only OK, but wonderful to be a lesbian, it's essential for me to see other real live lesbians doing incredible things (such as living their daily lives). Without a sense of community, and some role models who are living their lives in ways that are meaningful to me, I might as well give up. I can't possibly do it alone. Does Holly Near owe it to the likes of me to dress in a way I can relate to? Does she owe it to me to say lesbian loudly and proudly three times from the stage? Is it her fault she's one of the few role models the dominant culture allows me access to? Do I have the right to demand she fulfill my needs?

Yes, yes, yes, and YES!! As Cathy Winter and Betsy Rose so succinctly put it "this is a struggle for survival, not a party game." Holly Near has a range of options. I don't. As one womon in Maida's article says, if there were many, many wimmin performers, we wouldn't need to worry so much about each individual one. But as it is, I hardly think the lesbian/wimmin's community is in such a position of strength and prosperity that our all too few role models, our public reflective assurances that we are wimmin of worth in a culture that denies us this more vehemently and violently every day, can be withdrawing into artistic privilege and reformism, leaving those of us out on the edge (who are many) to balance alone or **fall unheeded.**

I've supported Holly Near and others with my dearly won money for years; for better or for worse they have the power to hurt me, to change my life; times are getting harder — and where are they now?

Thanks for this opportunity to express my views.

Concernedly,
Anne Donnelly
Yuba, WI

P.S. Though I refer repeatedly to Holly, this is only because she was here most recently so that injury is freshest. Unfortunately, she is not the only womon making this trend or I wouldn't be so worried.

sro

To the Boston Gay Community (who stayed home):

(I hope you're receiving dozens of letters like this!)

Where were you???

The historic national tour of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus passed through Boston recently, and by the looks of things, a lot of you missed it. Shame on you. *They* were there, 125 strong, giving you their support, movingly and magnificently, in an outpouring of love, bravery and beautiful sound. But like love, and giving, a concert is a two-way affair. They needed *your* support, too. Where were you?

The Opera House had *hundreds* of empty seats. Surely there are enough of us to fill one theatre! It should have been standing room only. I ventured all the way down from New Hampshire: 150 miles round trip. Hell, even if you can't stand choral music, you should have been there. If only to support the effort, and to receive the gift.

It was an evening of spine-chilling magic . . . a celebration of a vision . . . a pure high . . . something good and beautiful . . . something to stand up and cheer about. You should have been there!

Where were you?

Sincerely,
Craig K. Towers
Concord, NH

advice to the lovelorn

Dear Community Voices,

While I'm in agreement with Andrea Dworkin that women in our society have been merchandised and manipulated, I am bothered by her bitterness and seeming lovelessness.

Impassioned harangues of singleminded diatribes may be great for landing oneself a standing ovation, but they do very little to foster an atmosphere of love and joy (which, for me, is what should motivate any revolution).

Politics can be a deadly game; in order not to become deadly oneself, one must paint from a broad palette of many greys and off-whites, have a resilient sense of humor, and an underlying belief in the potential good of all people.

Andrea, in particular, and we as a movement, often lack the humor, perspective and gentleness toward one another that we need to get where we're going with a minimum of wear and tear.

Andrea's vision and dedication are notable, but ought to be tempered with more loving-kindness if they are to be the tools of transformation they might be.

Scott R. Alpert
San Francisco, CA

not smiling

Dear *GCN*,

I noticed in your last issue that you had an ad for Joseph Hansen's *A Smile in His Lifetime*. I have been a reader and admirer of Hansen's Brandstetter mystery novels for a long time, but this time he really missed the mark. I feel the reason Holt, Rinehart and Winston is advertising this novel so heavily (in other gay publications, too) is that it is blatantly homophobic and anti-gay and they want to trick gay people into buying it before a reviewer gets hold of it.

The reasons I feel this way are because the main character, Whit, is a sad, lonely "queer" who has no respect for himself or any of the gay people around him. The other gay people in this story fare as badly or worse. Kenny, the gay (bi?) keeps marrying women when he feels his masculinity is being challenged and fails to live up to his responsibilities as a father or gay lover. Gay Jaime faces his gayness by being continually strung out on drugs and eventually does himself in. The gay Jew, Abby, is portrayed as a despicable child molester and acquirer of boys through drugs. Then there's McGriff, the murderous black married queer, and Chang, the Mama's boy queer Chinese. I guess you can see the picture.

Yes, I agree that there are probably gay people who fit all these stereotypes, but my question is, why write such a book? The straight people are portrayed as understanding, caring and happy. From Dell, Whit's long suffering wife, to the lady next door to the beach house, all seem to be willing to help that poor, queer Whit out.

Finally, I quote from the book describing a gay bar: "It is no place to stray into. The Iowan with his dusty camper full of wife, kids, . . . backs out, looking scared or disgusted or both . . . it has regular patrons, men who cannot find anything better to do with their time than sit at a badly lit bar and drink cheap beer . . . they have one thing in common. They have given up. Proof of this is that they talk to one another." The descriptions of this bar and the gay people in the story rave on but with not one word of hopefulness. This quote is from page 235 and should be read in its entirety to get the full view.

By the way, the jacket blurb states that Hansen is a married man, perhaps a reformed homo? I don't know, but I do know that if I had read this novel several years ago when I first came out, I would have probably been extremely depressed. As it is, I am extremely angry at this piece of trash that is being thrust on our community.

Sincerely,
Rick Cook
Carthage, MO

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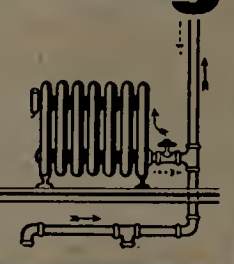
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Jurisdiction.

Sections dealing with "homosexuality" are generally under "Family Preservation." These sections would deny federal funds to any organization or entity which advocates or accepts the gay lifestyle as legitimate. One section would ban funding to organizations which provide legal assistance to lesbians and gays in matters of gay civil rights. This is another version of the McDonald amendment, which was recently passed in the House (see article, this issue). In this case, however, the ban is even more restrictive.

GRNL has expressed fears that other portions of the FPA will be excerpted and added as amendments on other bills. Such a strategy could make the legislative battle even more difficult.

The National Gay Task Force and the Gay Rights National Lobby are currently coordinating their campaigns against the FPA. GRNL is concerning itself with direct congressional lobbying, while NGTF will work on the public education component. Both NGTF and GRNL will be working to encourage letter writing campaigns. GRNL told *GCN* that they are asking local organizations to start forming coalitions with other groups affected by the FPA. The aim is to get broad based ad hoc coalitions which will write letters to Congress, meet with their representatives and work with the local media.

In the meantime, local actions have begun, with one ad hoc group in Boston organizing a demonstration against both the FPA and the Human Life Statute. The demonstration will march from Central Square in Cambridge to the Cambridge Common on Sunday, June 28, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

— filed from Boston

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met with Powderly and Loring, and were presented with three alternative routes. All of the proposed routes began in Copley Square, the original starting-point of the march, and all ended in the Boston Common, the original site designated to end the march and to serve as a rally ground. But all three routes also avoided the Beacon Hill area.

Ward, in his introductory remarks, emphasized the importance of Beacon Hill to the lesbian and gay community.

"The Charles Street Meeting House . . . was an early center of political and social activity on the part of lesbians and gays in the city of Boston," Ward told the court. "The local newspaper, *Gay Community News,* began there. The Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus was formed there. It's a site of some historic significance to the participants in the parade."

Ward added that a petition pledging support for the march had been circulated and signed by over fifty merchants along the parade route.

Thomas A. Kershaw, president of the Beacon Hill Business Association and owner of the Hampshire House Restaurant, accompanied Derderian to court and stood ready to testify on behalf of the city. John Doyle, District A Superintendent of the Boston Police Department, and Traffic and Parking Commissioner Powderly also sat behind Derderian.

Contacted by telephone, Kershaw denied any harmful intent on his part or on the part of the business association. Kershaw maintained that his agreement to come to court had been based on information given him by Commissioner Powderly stating that the march would block the business district for the entire afternoon. When told that the marchers occupied the streets for only about ninety minutes, Kershaw replied "That's amazing. The estimate that I was given by the traffic and safety people was 3½ to four hours."

Asked if he would object to a similar march along the same route next year, Kershaw was adamant. "Certainly not," he said. "The anticipation . . . was incorrect — it didn't take four hours. There was no problem at all. That was the only thing I was concerned about — that the streets would be closed the whole afternoon."

At a news conference following the afternoon of hearings, attorney Triantafillou summarized the events of the day.

"We prevented the city from behaving in an irrational way [in response] to a demonstration," Triantafillou told the gathering of media and community members. "Everyone in the Constitution is guaranteed the right of free expression. No one is excluded, including gays and lesbians . . . Ten years ago, this might not have happened."

McDonald

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mined by what happens [to the bill] in the Senate."

Goldstein added: "It appears now that Congress will pass [the bill]. Whether the president will veto it, I'm not sure. He's been saying he will, but whether he'll go through with that, he'll have to assess when it reaches his desk based on how many people voted for or against it. At this point, it looks like if he were to veto it, it would be unlikely that Congress would override it." — *filed from Boston*

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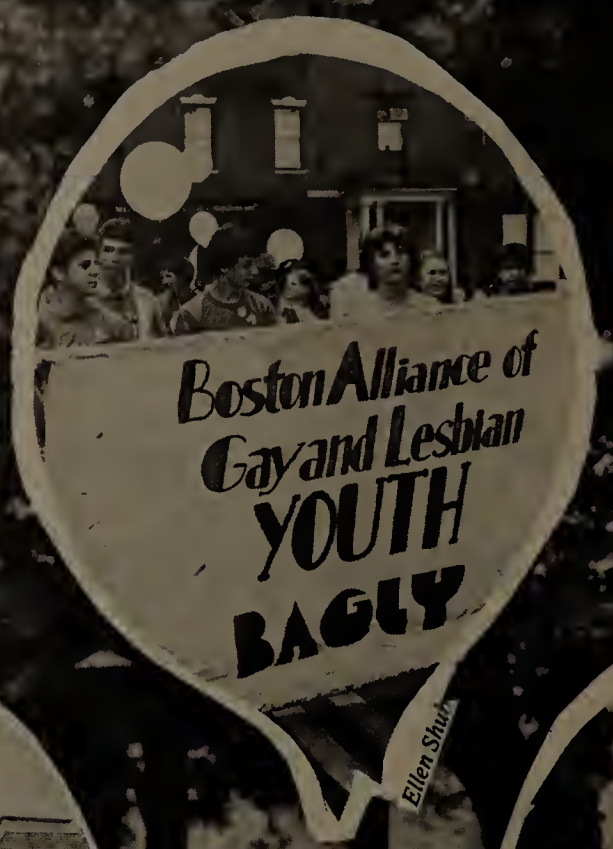
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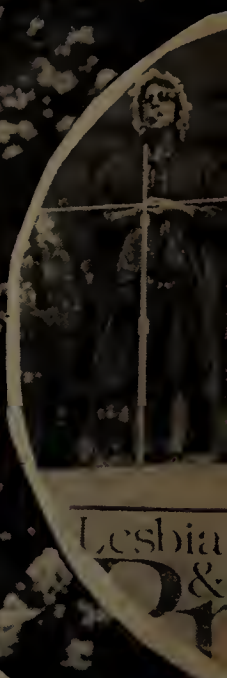
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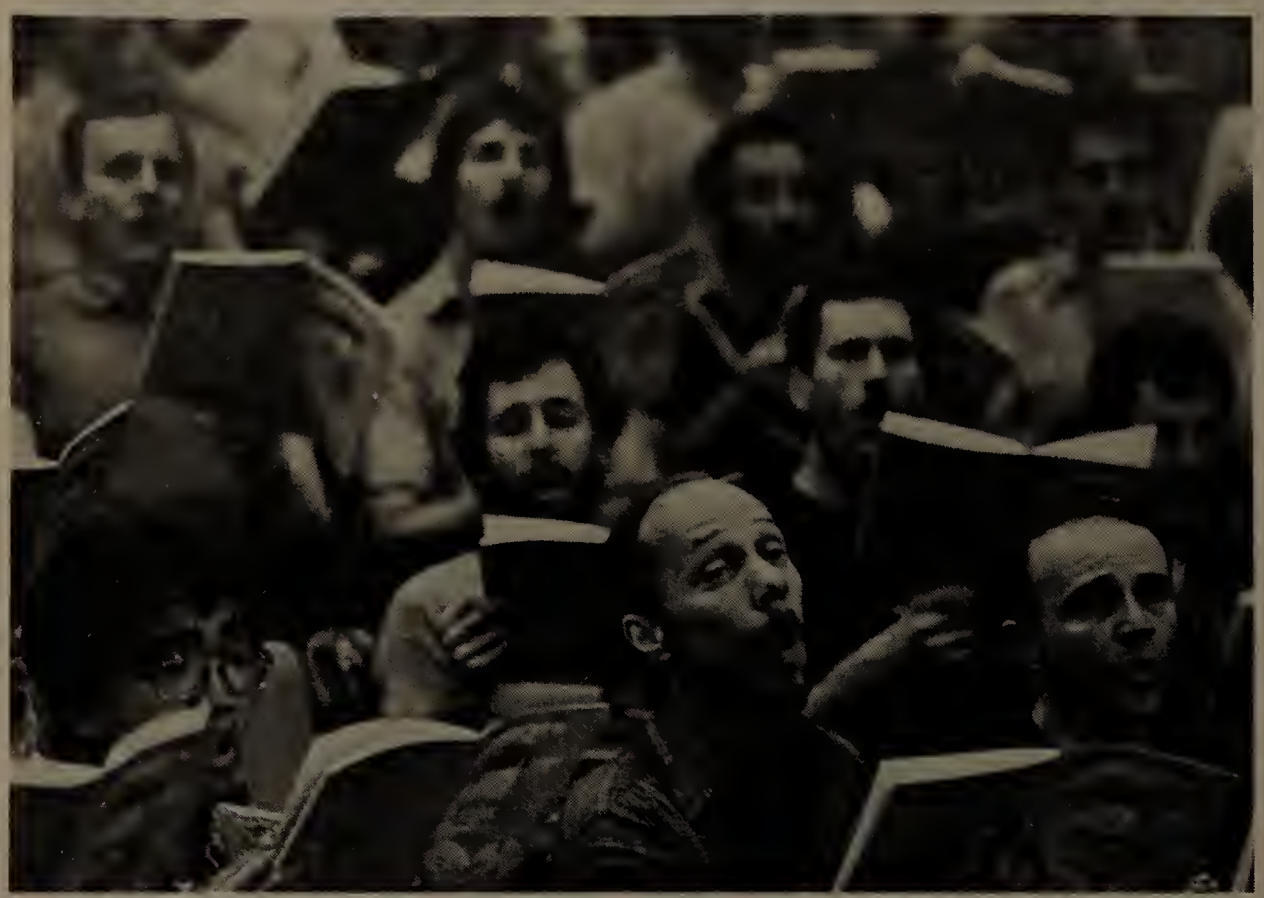
Touring America on the Wings of a Song

San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus in Boston



Timed to coincide with the many lesbian and gay pride celebrations across the country, the chorus brings a special message...about working hard, building our own culture, and uniting voice and soul in a show of strength and beauty.

By Richard Burns

I love choirs. I like to sing in choirs and I like to listen to choirs. And as long as I've been singing in adult choirs I've been struck by the disproportionate number of openly gay men who sing in Boston's choirs and by the fact that the contexts in which we sing are so anti-gay and closety. How can a political faggot sing in a church each Sunday and keep his self-respect? Well, there just aren't too many other places to sing, doll. So I was happy to learn that the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus had decided to include Boston on their itinerary — and at the Opera House!

Last Tuesday's concert in Boston was one of the final stops on their first national tour. The Chorus has a good reputation and was well-received in the preceding cities. The *Oakland Tribune* calls the choir an "artistic success." The *San Francisco Chronicle* says they're "grand and glorious," while the *New York Times* considers their concert an "excellent job" and the *Washington Post* exclaims "remarkable." The *San Francisco Examiner* even goes so far as to declare that the "San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus represents a triumph of community interest, artistic integrity and painstaking dedication." But these reviews don't tell the real story; they don't describe what it feels like to hear 130 gay men sing "The Man I Love" — it was truly wonderful.

From the start the evening was electric. The Opera House is magnificent and the audience of more than 1,500 gay men (and a sprinkling of lesbians) was animated. The choir appeared in grey vests and black bow ties and began the program with Schubert, Brahms and Bruckner. And they were good. They let us know that they can sing serious sacred choral music and sing it well. But when they moved on to twentieth-century romance they brought the audience to its feet. This choir is at its best when liberating the love songs that have been trapped in the heterosexual repertoire. The works of Irving Berlin, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Gershwin, even Charles Ives, exhibit new life and new meaning in a queer concert. The most powerful performances appeared in sentimental settings: "We Kiss In A Shadow" from *The King and I*, Raymond Hannisian's "Movin' On," and Tad Dunlap's setting of a poem by Harvey Milk called "I Understood," were all extremely moving.

The Chorus was accompanied by the Bay Area Women's Brass Quartet, whose technical proficiency and clarity of tone were stunning. Visually, four dykes against a background of 130 faggots with mustaches seemed bizarrely comic as well. (Actually, there were at least four or five people in the choir without facial hair — I guess it's true what they say about San Francisco.)

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Amazon Gym Opens

By Maida Tilchen

"We can see from all of you here that bodybuilding is about to explode," said Michelle Greenspan, one of four women who have opened the New England Women's Gym, a weight-lifting and body-building club for women in Boston. Over one hundred women attended the gym's open house on June 13, to see demonstrations by national champion powerlifter Sue Elwyn and bodybuilder Josie Lemie, who took third place at the recent New England Women's Bodybuilding Championships.

Although the two speakers are involved in the sport at a competitive level, the variety of women in the audience attested to the broad appeal weightlifting has for women. Women of many ages, races and body shapes listened as 4'10", 85-pound Josie Lemie explained how she chose her sport. "I'm just a person like anyone else. I can't catch a ball, but I can do sit-ups and push-ups, so I went into gymnastics. I did athletics in high school to win a scholarship to the University of New Hampshire. I wouldn't have been able to go to such a nice state school otherwise. I'm about to turn 21, and I'm just finding out who I am, and sports is how I did it." Lemie demonstrated her posing routine, explaining that it is the unusually low level of fat in her body, 2% as opposed to the normal 21% for women, that makes her musculature so visible.

Powerlifter Sue Elwyn explained the need for a women's gym. She told of her dissatisfaction with co-ed situations. "Here I am trying to concentrate, I've got all this weight on, and the men are staring. It took away a lot of my energy. I wanted to find a place where I could have the kind of work-out that I wanted, and I wanted to be around women, so we could share. At men's gyms, the women usually keep apart."

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photo by Ellen Seidler

Experienced lifters and interested newcomers listen together...hoping to find out what this new gym for women is all about.

Michelle Greenspan (l) and Sue Elwyn (r) demonstrate powerlifting. *photo by Ellen Seidler*

Who's Up There, Ringing Those Bells?

By Franklyn Reeves

To the thousands of people who marched in Boston's Lesbian and Gay Pride parade, it was just short of a miracle. Just as the parade approached the Public Garden, the bells of the Arlington Street Church suddenly pealed forth in joyous and triumphant support. The din of the bells did not stop until the last marcher had passed the church. Many people cheered and clapped; estatically hugged lovers and friends. Others openly wept.

The custom of ringing the Arlington Street Church bells on Gay Pride Day was started five years ago by William Waugaman, the church's sexton. "Sexton" is an old English word meaning gravedigger. And while Waugaman hasn't had to bury any of the church's members, he is responsible for the maintenance of the church building and its adjacent grounds. In addition, he is the church's chief bell ringer.

As a trained musician, this latter duty is a part of his job that Waugaman particularly likes. The

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Film

Walkin' the Line

Get Rollin'
Written, directed, and produced by J. Terrance Mitchell with Pat Richardson, Vincent Brown, and Inez Daniels. At the Orson Welles.
Including excerpts from an interview with J. Terrance Mitchell.

By Andrea Loewenstein

"Your white art-film audience prefers to come out of the theatre quiet and thoughtful, but I had no guarantee they'd come to see a lot of black faces on the screen. Now the *black* audience likes a fast-moving pace, a flashy style," J. Terrance Mitchell told me. The thirty-four-year-old black film maker wrote, directed, and produced this new film about disco roller skating. "I had to walk the line," he concluded.

What will Pat (the Cat) Richardson tell them in London?... "Ye--s, Lord! Roller skating changed my life! Ever since I found skating, I can't think of nothing else."

It is partly this desire on Mitchell's part to please any potential audience which makes *Get Rollin'* a confusing and often disturbing film. Semi-documentary (*Get Rollin'* features real people in their real-life dramas" is the way the production notes put it), the film features the disco-skaters Vincent (Vinzerelli-Jigaboo) Brown, Pat (the Cat) Richardson, and, in a minor role, Inez Daniels; all of whom skate at Brooklyn's Empire Roller Disco. During most of the film we watch these and other very fine skaters disco-skating around the rink to hit disco music. From time to time we see one of these three characters in his or her non-skating life — at home or on the job.

The two main characters, Pat the Cat and Vinzerelli are black men from Bedford Stuyvesant who have decided to skate their way out of the ghetto. Both of these characters have a lot to say, but in this film either they don't say it, or they do and the film pretends they didn't.

Vinzerelli is an ambitious hustler. When he's not skating, he delivers soliloquies to the camera while having his hair braided by a lovely, totally silent and very attentive young black woman. He speed-talks about his plans to package himself and become "the Mohammed Ali of skating." "Everybody's got a shot on the planet," he proclaims. "But everybody gotta contribute." Vinzerelli is so caught up in the American dream that you feel he sets no limits, that there is nothing he wouldn't do to become a star. He prances, dresses up, and plays 'sexy-rhythmic-nigger' to the hilt, even giving himself the name 'Jigaboo', because "you have to be outrageous — but non-threatening."

A character like this might work in a pure documentary, or with a directorial stance of parody — an attitude of 'look what the system's done to this man'. I kept hoping that the whole film was somehow tongue-in-cheek. But it isn't. The production notes talk about the "real people in quest of the Rocky-type American dream," and nowhere does this film suggest that the dream might be a false one, or that there is anything at all wrong with American society, or with black people's slice of it. There are no social ills that trying real hard at something you do well (like roller skating) won't cure.

Less articulate, but more likeable than Vinzerelli, Pat the Cat talks a lot about his costume, and how much it means to him to wear a cowboy hat and toy guns in the rink. He also has some genuinely moving scenes off-rink, especially those when he announces that he may actually be going to skate in London. "You ain't no-one, you ain't *been* nowhere, and you ain't *go*in' nowhere," one man goads him, in a kind of chant of bitterness and despair.

"It don't even *sound* right," says Pat's wife. While these scenes totally ignore the joy that real black people would feel for each other's success (everyone in the film is basically selfish) they at least admit the reality of invisibility — in our society it *doesn't* sound righty for Pat the Cat to be going to London, England. These scenes, and another in which the suave blond British entrepreneur gives an amused glance at Pat desperately skating for his five minute audition; sits in the film in an embarrassing and uncomfortable way. They seem to have slipped in by accident, and the tone of the film asks you to pretend you didn't see them. The real pain in these scenes doesn't fit in with the shots of Pat endlessly skating, anesthesized by the fantasy of stardom — or rather, the fit is too good to be ignored as the film ignores it.

The press release for *Get Rollin'* talks about the difference between this film and those of the late sixties and early seventies which presented blacks as "pimps, hookers, and various unhealthy images." It is hard to see where the difference lies. The black men in *Get Rollin'* dance on skates, dress up a lot, clown, act sexy, and hustle. The black women, for the most part, are silent or nagging.

When I asked Mitchell about these stereotypes, he said that stereotypes are in the eye of the beholder, and that he, for one, likes watermelon. "I got no answers for anything, it's their lives, I just go with the flow," he said. I asked him whether, in real life, the white partner actually ripped off Vinzerelli, who, in turn, was ripping off Pat (something which was never brought out in the film). He implied that it *had* happened that way, but added that he, too was getting ripped off.

"What do you think it's like to be a black film-maker?" he asked me. I asked him what it *was* like, and he told me that given a chance, he would rather have made a film "that explores human conditions."

"I carried around a script with dignity to it, a 'Nothing but a Man' script, for seven years, and nothing fell into place." Finally, he got sick of working on other people's films. He hopes, if *Get Rollin'* succeeds, to be able to make a film which will deal with the same characters, but explore "what's *really* important in their lives." When I said that I wished he'd made *that* film first, he reminded me that no one would have taken a chance on it. "One has to be conscious of how capitalism works," he said. "So I found this device, this situation, Roller skating, which is Pop now, it's crossing over into white culture, and disco worked in *Saturday Night Fever*. Anyway," he concludes doubtfully, "I kept my integrity with this one." After a moment of self-reflection, he says, "I don't want to cry," and changes the subject.

Talking with its director made the reactions I had while seeing *Get Rollin'* come together for me. E. Terrence Mitchell made the film to make money — but unlike his character, Vinzerelli, he doesn't feel comfortable selling out, and the discomfort shows. His tendency to show his characters prostituting themselves is repeated just a little *too* often; the film hints at a parody which Mitchell feels but cannot, for financial reasons, bring off. And the saddest part of *Get Rollin'* is witnessing what this talented filmmaker has been brought to. Much as I dislike the film, after talking with Mitchell I hope that *Get Rollin'* does make enough money for him to make the films he wants. But I doubt that it will. *Get Rollin'* doesn't have the comfort of a straightforwardly exploitative film which doesn't leave you fidgety. J. Terrance Mitchell has tried hard, in *Get Rollin'*, to swallow the medicine that's been shoved down his throat. But it's clear that it doesn't go down easily.

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Bells

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When asked why he began ringing the bells on Gay Pride Day, Waugaman, a 30 year old gay person, explained: "At first, it was a spontaneous gesture of pride. The church has always supported liberation struggles. I thought it was time that lesbian and gay pride got some visible support." Ringing the bells is also for him a matter of personal conviction: "We've got to stand up for our own rights. If you won't stand up for yourself, who will?"

But Waugaman is quick to add that his ringing of the bells is not just a personal statement or an "ego trip," but is indicative of what he feels is the Arlington Street Church's widespread support of gay liberation: "After last year's parade, the church's board of trustees formally voted to thank me for ringing the bells." A letter sent to Waugaman by the board's chairperson commended him for his "ministry of the bells" and noted: "More than a thousand sermons preached from the high pulpit, your enthusiastic ringing of the bells at protest rallies gives public, dramatic testimony of the church's solidarity with contemporary liberation struggles."

Since 1977, Waugaman's routine on Gay Pride Day has been the same. An hour before the parade is scheduled to begin, he climbs the rickety, wooden steps which lead to a large, cavernous room half-way up the inside of the steeple. With its formidable stone walls and ever present dank smell, the room is a slightly sinister place — the perfect setting, one imagines, for a medieval tale of intrigue and mystery. In one corner of the room is a large desk-like structure to which sixteen ropes are attached. The ropes extend upward from the desk to the bells, which are suspended from scaffolding forty feet overhead.

Upon word that the parade is about to pass by the church, Waugaman frantically begins working the ropes — pulling the chords at a frenetic, exhausting pace, never stopping during the twenty minutes it takes for the parade to pass by. The effect is a resounding sound — which is, in turns, deep and mournful, joyful and spritely.

Among church members, it has become a coveted honor to watch the parade from the steeple windows.

"When I started five years ago, nobody was up here. Now it's so crowded I feel I should charge admission," he wryly notes.

Gym

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Elwyn, who weighs 114 pounds, holds the world record in the bench press, 170 pounds.

The new gym is planning to hold regular programs on weight-lifting, nutrition, and other women's health issues, in addition to social gatherings. A reduced membership rate for low-income women is being offered. The facilities will be wheel-chair accessible after July 6, and programs for the disabled are being considered. (For information, call 451-3514.)

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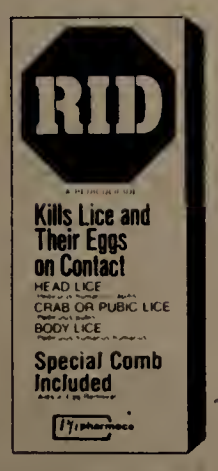

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PAGE 2: PERSONAL HYGIENE - WASHING THE SEXUALLY ACTIVE MALE

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THURSDAY

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If anyone out there has extra copies of Volume 8, #1 (Judy Chicago) or #6 (Pink Pentagon), *please* send them to us. We have almost none, and we need them for numerous wonderful purposes. We would really appreciate it if you could send them to us, honest. Send them to Mike at GCN. Thanks.

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New women's media gp committed to lesb. educational outreach thru media sks mems. Need assistance w/marketing, graphic design, fundraising, media work. Letter of interest &/or resume to Women's Educational Media, Inc, 36 Colwell Ave, Brighton, MA 02135. 367-2086. (8)

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Pamphlet of tips for non-librarians on how to get gay materials into libraries, available from the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association. "Censored, Ignored, Overlooked, Too Expensive? How to Get Gay Materials Into Libraries" explains library selection policies in a general way, and tells how you can get a library to buy more gay books & periodicals. Also tells what to do if library refuses your request; why gay bks are sometimes kept where you have to ask for them; & how to donate materials to the library. $1 to Barbara Gittings — GTF, P.O. Box 2383, Phila., PA 19103. Bkstore & bulk order discount available. More info: Barbara Gittings (215) 382-3222. (c)

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Prisoners

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GCN LESBIAN AND GAY PRISONER PROJECT

WE SEND FREE SUBS, BOOKS (WHEN AVAILABLE) AND RUN PENPAL ADS (THERE'S SOMETIMES A LONG WAITING LIST BECAUSE SPACE IS LIMITED!), AND LITTLE BY LITTLE WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT LESBIANS AND GAY MEN BEHIND BARS (WITH LETTERS OF PROTEST FOR MISTREATMENT OR DENIAL OF RIGHT TO RECEIVE GCN AND WITH ARTICLES ON THE POLITICS OF "CRIME" AND PUNISHMENT). WE REALLY NEED HELP DOING THESE THINGS. IF YOU CAN HELP WITH YOUR TIME OR A CONTRIBUTION, SEND TO LESBIAN AND GAY PRISONER PROJECT OR CALL MIKE AT GCN. THANKS!

I am currently incarcerated in the Muncy Correctional Institution and would like very much to have a penpal to write to. Thanks. Shawna LORE, 6050, Box 180, Muncy PA 17756. (44)

Hi! I would very much like for someone to write to and it would really mean a lot to me. I am gay and have been since I was 17. I'd like to write someone who's sincere. I am a Pisces. I hope your favorite fantasy soon becomes a reality. Carol STEVENS, Box 11492 #102598, Oklahoma City OK 73136. (44)

I am serving a 12 year sentence in this ol' prison with very little correspondence. I would very much like to find someone interested in writing. In sisterhood, Pam McFADDEN, A830568, Box 147, FCI #254, Lowell FL 32663. (44)

If you are interested in writing a prisoner be sure to ask her or him about the regulations in that prison regarding such things as sending books, stamps, or anything other than a letter. These rules vary from one prison to another.

Your love is like a new budding rose that only my heart knows. Your love is like a new sunrise that rises on my heart. Young man in prison wd like to repair life w/love. All letters answered. Rob SCOTT, 624655, Box 900, Shelton, WA 98584.

I was involved in a gay relationship with a teenager. He wasn't quite seventeen and now I'm here. I am preparing a work on my legal case dealing with male teen prostitution. I am interested in corresponding and exchanging information. I will answer all letters promptly. Richard A. PASS 85725 Oak 1 Angola, LA 70712.

Young man wishes to hear from older men. You will be very pleased. I aim to please. Terry COLEMAN 157015. Box E, Jackson, Mich. 49204.

I am a young gay man here in prison. I've been very lonely since being separated from my lover. I wd. like to write to pen pals to brighten up my days. Mark SIMIEN #90965, Camp H, Angola, LA 70712.

I'm interested in corresponding with an intelligent and selfless person who does not have any hang-ups about helping a prisoner who's willing to help himself. Will answer all sincere letters. Jack BURNETT #10028 Box 41, Michigan City, IND. 46360.

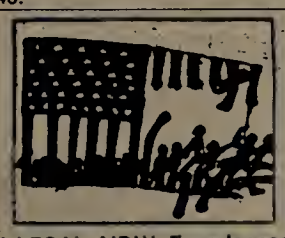
I've been imprisoned 13 months. My family has chosen to disregard me because of my being 'gay'. I am very lonely and would like to hear from you. Herbert WALKER 038816, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

I would appreciate hearing from gay friends who are willing to write. I will need to relocate upon release. I'm very lonely and in need of friendship. I'm 5'4½", 127 lbs. Br hair and eyes. My interests are dancing, rollerskating and sports. Thank you. Russell CREASY #152-571 P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

5'11", 170 lb. prisoner desires correspondence. I have light brown hair/blue eyes. I wd appreciate pictures. And will answer all letters. Edward BAST, 153002, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

Inmate at London seeks correspondence. I am goodlooking and have a sincere interest in being a real companion. I will answer all letters and a photo gets one in return: Lee WILLIAMS, 152-998, P.O. Box 69, London, OH 43140.

I spend most of my time helping my fellow prisoners to prepare their petitions and motions to submit to various courts and the parole commission and hope that you can help me find someone to correspond with who can relate to loneliness, struggle and the necessity for friendship. Darrell MURPHY, Box 69 #161-784, London, OH 43140. (46)



GAY LEGAL AID!!! Experienced legal intern starting project to assist the imprisoned lesbian and gay population and to form organization of jailhouse lawyers, paralegals, law students etc. to help prisoners with legal problems and to let people on the outside know about problems inside. If interested in joining this effort write: D. Lee Goldstien, Box A-E, San Luis Obispo, CA 93409. (46)

As I hve no one to write to, I will write to anyone, just to hear from the outside. This place is very lonely and I wd. like to make some friends. Frankie Joseph GUINAN, Box 900, #23285, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Feelings and honesty are important to me. I would like people to write to: special people, with lots of feelings. Joseph GRIER, #40548, Box B, Florence, AZ 85232.

Folsom Prison Inmate is interested in corresponding with those on the outside. Johnny GONZALES, P.O. Box B-79330, Represa, CA 95671.

I am incarcerated at San Quentin and would like to write to people outside the walls. My name is Ricky SHOTLOW, P.O. Box-C-07492, Tamal, CA 94974.

Young man in need of a little care and spirit uplifting. I'm stuck in a situation where friends would be appreciated. Looking for someone who cares what his brother's feelings are. Are you that someone? Richard GEE 16541, Box 14 Unit 7, Boise, Idaho 83707.

Prisoner interested in music, dancing, golf, fishing and autos wd. like to correspond with people outside. Paul TULY 160975, 15802 State Rte. 104, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

I have a very beautiful understanding of all people and life in general. I've been incarcerated since 1/77 and have lost all contact with the outside. It gets pretty lonely when you receive no mail and I would deeply appreciate any correspondence. Gary RILEY 34689, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

I'm extending my lonesome hand out to find friends to communicate with. I've been incarcerated for one year and need contact with the world outside. I want to provide a unique learning experience by corresponding outside the walls. Ronald SHANK #155-769, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699.

I am very lonely and would enjoy corresponding w/ an open minded gay man. My hobbies are boxing, writing, singing and reading. I will answer all letters. Kelvin Hannibal MEADOR, P.O. Box 779- 137224, Marquette, Mich. 49855.

I've been "down" for a year now and should be getting out soon. I will answer your letter swiftly and with a picture if you send one. Don't be shy! My name is Earl SAMPSON #B-059667 Box 99-A/c Confi. Claremont, Fla. 32711.

I am in love with GCN. Thanks for getting down to earth and bringing about such a beautiful paper. I would indeed like someone to write to! Thanks! David WILLIAMS, Rt. 1 Box 160-C, Polkton NC 28135. (44)

I was raised by a gay male since I was eleven and I'm attracted to older gay males, Please send me some addresses in the mail of someone who's looking for a companion like I am. Please enclose a stamp if you write. Thanks. Freddy CURTIS, Box 16 #307510, Lovelady, TX 75851. (46)

Please place my name in your male call section for prisoners so that hopefully someone will write me and so that I may return some of that respect. I'm a hair-stylist and hope to be out before long. Gary LARSEN, Box 99 #A-51390, Pontiac, IL 61764. (46)

I'm presently incarcerated and have no family. I enjoy reading, cooking, music and home-life. I would deeply like to correspond with any gay people that care to write. I've been gay all my life. 5'11", 150 lbs., brown hair and eyes. I'll answer all letters truthfully and honestly. Michael MYERS. P.M.B. #84806. Magnolia 3, Angola, LA 70712.

I wd. appreciate hearing from all of you that wd. be willing to write. I am very lonely, in need of a friend that cares and won't take my feelings for a joke. I will answer all letters. Please write, I'm sure you know the meaning of Loneliness and Emptiness. Calvin C. PARKS, 370 S. Front St., Columbus, OH 43215.

I am a very lonely person in this prison and wd. like to know if there is a serious person out there that wd. like to correspond w/me. I don't know what a visit or getting mail feels like. So wd. someone help me experience this feeling. Darwin F. LASWELL #17028, Box 41, Michigan City, Indiana 46360.

I'm seeking the understanding thoughts of a gay relationship that I feel will allow me to be myself. I have up to a year to serve left and want to establish a solid relationship for when I am released. Dale J. KING #056013, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

I would like to receive letters from other gay men in the outside world. I am here for something I did not do. My daily schedule is divided between being a college student, working on my legal actions, and physical fitness. My interests are many, the study of the space-time-mind concept, politics, chess, camping and just being happy. Please write Israel Frederick CLARK, C-07889 B-quad #3379, CMC-East, Box A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93409. (46)

Being a prisoner in today's society's anti-gay bigotry is becoming more and more evident by the daily abuses that people, friends, and the police are doing to us. It's a lonely life having to spend 22 hours a day in a "protective" cell. Problems happen to gay people who are open here. I am a person who loves to read and to dabble in writing a little. Would someone like to give me a chance? Gerald GROSS, Box 1497, Bismarck, ND 58501. (46)

Calendar

weekly events

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Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Regularly scheduled sports events (with info #s): volleyball 266-2147; running 825-0181; swimming 227-5363; tennis 744-5498; scuba 899-7630; fencing 731-6344; biking 275-1336; basketball 236-1914; rollerskating 625-3314.

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Regularly scheduled events: basketball, swimming, volleyball and running. Info: 327-2620.

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sunday

Boston, MA — Oasis, a Coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Open hoot. Bring your talents and your instruments and sign up at the door. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance) Doors open at 7:30pm. No admittance after 8. $2.

Boston, MA — "Boston's Other Voice," weekly discussions of problems facing the gay community. News, interviews, calendar, music. 10:30pm. (WROR, 98.5FM)

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Folkdancing. Third Sunday of the month (see also Saturdays). Phillips Brooks House, Harvard Yard. 12:30-2:30pm. Beginners welcome. Info: Beth 666-4278 or Michael 492-1339.

Boston, MA — Gay AA meets at Old West Church, 131 Cambridge St. Gay men and women. 2:30pm

Cambridge, MA — Merrymount Musical Society, a musical group for gay men and lesbians, offering informal concerts on the 3rd Sudnay of each month. Interested musicians (& listeners!) call Merk 236-4888 or Rachel 742-7997.

Boston, MA — Musically Speaking, women's programming. Music, idees, announcements. Call Melanie at 494-8810 with events and comments. (WMBR-FM 88.1) Sundays 1-3pm.

Boston, MA — Gay and Lesbian Physicians of New England. Meets every 2nd Sunday at 2pm. Info: (617) 482-6874 or 247-5485.

Orleans, MA — Shoreline, a gay social group, alternative to the bars, on Cape Cod. Meets every 2nd Sunday. Info: P.O. Box 1614, Orleans, MA 02653.

Greenfield, MA — Gay Men of Frenklin County. Every third Sun. Green River Cafe, Osgood St. 7pm.

Acton, MA — Central Middlesex Social Club meets at 7:30pm. All invited. Info: 263-9607.

Concord, NH — NH Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men. First Sun. of the month. 1-5pm. Statewide political action group. Info: 228-8049.

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with enterteinment. Tonight: bring your talents and instruments and sign up at the door. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). 7:30pm. $2. All are welcome.

monday

Cambridge, MA — Parents and Friends of Gays meet on the first Monday of the month. 7:15pm sharp at the Episcopal Theological Seminary Library, 99 Brattle St. Info: 542-5188 or write: PFOG, 40 Cogswell Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

Boston, MA — The Front Runners running group. Jogging, running and racing for men and women. Weekly runs on Esplanade: M,W,F at 8 PM Info: 825-0181.

Boston, MA — Gay People of B.U. Meeting. Hartman Lounge, basement School of Theology, 745 Comm. Ave. 8-10pm.

Portsmouth, NH — Seacoast Gay Men. 7pm. Info: P.O.Box 1394, Portsmouth 03801.

Nashua, NH — Meeting of Nashua Area Gays. 8pm. Info: Paul 888-1305, or write: Nashua Area Gays, P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061.

tuesday

Boston, MA — Boston Area Gay end Lesbian Schoolworkers (BAGALS) meets on the first Tuesday of each month, for support and political action. 355 Boylston St. (church annex). 7:30pm. Refreshments.

Cambridge, MA — Friends Meeting at Cambridge. Draft counseling. Every Tuesday at 3:30 and 7:30pm. 5 Longfellow Park (near Harvard Sq.) Info: 876-6883.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. (Harv. Sq.) 8pm. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Info: 661-3633.

New Bedford, MA — Rap group at the Ald Center. 18 S. Weter St. 8-10pm. Info: 999-3141.

Uxbridge, MA — Support and Discussion Group for Lesbians. Eves, 7:30pm. Info: 278-5475.

Hartford, CT — Greater Hartford Lesbian and Gay Task Force meets at Hill Ctr., 350 Farmington Ave. 7pm (First Tues.) Info: 249-7691.

wednesday

Boston, MA — Gay Youth Rap. Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). For ell between the ages of 14 and 22. 7-9pm. 128A Tremont St. (near Park St. stop), 4th floor. Info: BAGLY 338-9472 or the Hotline: 428-9371.

Boston, MA — Walk-In VD screening and treatment for and by gay men. 6:30-8pm. Fenway Community Health Center, 16 Havlland St. (near Auditorium stop). 267-7573.

Boston, MA — Massachusetts Gay Political Caucus meets at 7:30pm every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Info: 471-8404.

Boston, MA — Lesbian and Gay Media Advocates (LAGMA) meeting. 7:30-9:30pm. New members welcome. Help make the media more responsive to our needs. Info: 542-5679.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. 35+ women's discussion and social group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. Second Wed. and last Fri. of each month.

Lynn, MA — North Shore Gay AA weekly meeting. Lynn Community Health Center, 86 Lafayette Park. 7pm. Info: 599-5928.

Providance, RI — Transvestite/transsexual meetings. 8pm. Info: 272-9247.

Hampdan County — Social/support group for lesbians. 8pm. Info: 532-9236.

thursday

BOSTON, MA — GAY COMMUNITY NEWS NEEDS HELP PROOFREADING AND LAYING OUT THE PAPER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. PROOFREADING BEGINS 5-ISH AND LAYOUT ABOUT 7:30. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD TIMES! 22 BROMFIELD ST. (NEAR PARK ST.) INFO: 426-4469.

Boston, MA — Oasis Club. Food, disco, rap sessions and games. 9pm-4am every Thursday. 79 Broadway St. (Bay Village) in the Downtown Club. Gay club for everyone 18 and over. $3 membership. Info: 338-8831.

Boston, MA — Boston Area Lesbian and Gay History Project. 7:30pm. Info: 426-7351.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children. Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasent St. 354-8807.

Brockton, MA — Brockton Area Gays meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. 7pm. Info: Phil 583-8447.

Boston, MA — N.U. Lambda, Northeastern University's social and support group for lesbians, gay men and their friends meets every Thursday et 245 Ell Center. 7pm.

Northempton, MA — Pioneer Valley Gay People's Allience is now forming. Meetings on first and third Thursdays at the Unitarian Society, 220 Main St. 7:30pm. Info: (413) 586-5979.

Worcestar, MA — "Straight Talk About Gays", a free form radio show with news, announcements, music, poetry, in-depth interviews and raps. 8:15pm. WCUW, 91.3FM.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation. A leaderless support group meeting every Thursday from 8-10pm. Newcomers welcome. Women's Center, 48 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

friday

BOSTON, MA — WE NEED HELP SENDING OUT GCN EVERY FRIDAY EVENING. COME BY FOR A FEW HOURS ANYTIME AFTER 6 AND SHARE ENERGY. REFRESHMENTS AND GOOD TIMES!!! WOMEN AND MEN WELCOME. 22 BROMFIELD ST. (NEAR PARK ST.)

Pittsfield, MA — Lesbians United meetings. Info: Women's Services Center, 499-2425.

saturday

Boston, MA — Boston Allience of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) drop-in center and occasional trips/activities for lesbians and gay youth 14-22. 1pm on. 128A Tremont St. (across from Park St. sta.) 4th floor. Info: BAGLY 338-9472 (esp Wed & Thurs eves) or 426-9371 (eves).

coming events

jun 28 sun

Cambridge, MA — The Right to Enjoy and Affirm Life, Sexual Preference, and Reproductive Choice (REALSPARC) is holding a protest march against the Human Life Statute and the Family Protection Act. Meet at Central Square at 1:30 to march to the Cambridge Common.

Boston, MA — Dyke Doctora (Lesbian physician, medical students, and other Health Care Professionals) will be holding a pot-luck dinner beginning at 4pm. Info: 354-5910.

29 mon

Boston, MA — Women energy is needed to help prepere this yeer's TAKE BACK THE NIGHT merch: to bring public ettention to the violence directed against all women regardless of saxual prefarence, age, race, economic class or ebla-bodledness, at all times but espacielly at night. Ganerel meetings every Monday evening at the Herriet Tubman Housa, 566 Columbus Ave. (neer Mass. Ave.; Northempton T stop). 7pm. Come work with us on medle stuff, posters, flyers, outreech, public relations, and the relly. Info: Rle et (617) 277-7145 (leeva messega if enswaring mechine answers).

Wetertown, MA — Parents and Friends of Gays meet on the first Monday of the month at 7:15pm sharp. During July and August these meetings will be held at 249 Watertown St. (Rt. 16). Info: 542-5188. Mailing address: PFOG, 40 Cogswell Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.

30 tues

Boston, MA — Boston Alliance of Gays and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY) is having a new person's orientation meeting. This is a chance for newcomers to meet end talk in a small group. 7pm. 128A Tremont St. (4th floor) Park St. T stop. 338-9472 for more info.

Sefem, MA — "Violence against gays and lesbians"—a dialogue with represantives of a local police department—will be sponsored by the North Shore Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Grace Episcopal Church, 385 Essex St. 7:30pm.

Brattlaboro, VT — Southern Vermont Lesbian and Gay Men's Coalition meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Common Ground Restaurant, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

Boston, MA — Community Media Group is presenting video tapes on lesbian and gay themes produced by local artists. Sponsored by the Theater Factory and the Triangle Theater Co. Theeter Factory, 367 Boylston St. Continuous showings from 10am-6pm. Info: 864-6654 (eves) or 526-2642.

july 1 wed

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Sharon Amity, come celebrate her music and her birthday! 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Weds. eves are for women only. Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. $3.

2 thurs

BOSTON, MA — GCN NEEDS HELP LAYING OUT AND PROOFREADING THE PAPER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. SEE THURSDAYS ABOVE FOR DETAILS.

3 fri

BOSTON, MA — GCN CAN ALWAYS USE EXTRA HANDS TO HELP SEND OUT THE PAPER. SEE FRIDAYS (above) FOR DETAILS. IT'S FUN! (Help especielly needed this weekend with so many people going out of town for the holiday!)

Hartford, CT — Your Turf, a weekly drop-in center for gay and lesbian teenagers. 7-9pm at the Hill Center (upstairs), 350 Farmington Ave. Sponsored by the Cdalition of Sexual Minorities.

4 sat

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mountain Club. Mt. Chocorua (NH). Info: Eugene (212) 858-5792 or (207) 646-3534 (weekends).

7 tues

Cambridge, MA — Women's Community Health Center Open House. An intro to WCHC and to the concept of self-help, followed by a tour. A chance to meet the women at the center, ask questions, and find out more about our herstory and the services we offer. 6-7pm. 639 Mass. Ave. Rm 210. Info: 547-2302.

8 wed

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Suzanne Jessie Peerl and Hillary Kay play original ecoustic music. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Weds. eves are for women only. Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. $3.

9 thurs

Boston, MA — Oasis, a coffeehouse with entertainment. Tonight: Angela O'Callaghan, original women's and Irish music. 355 Boylston St. (chapel entrance). Doors open at 7:30pm. No one admitted after 8. Everybody welcome. $3.

The deadline for Calendar items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.